

### **In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph on lines 25-27 of page 24 as follows:

-- An immunoassay analytical test apparatus for allergy diagnosis according to the present invention is shown schematically in Figures 1 to 7 [[4]] of the accompanying drawings, which are by way of example only. In the drawings:

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Please amend the paragraph spanning from line 29 of page 24 to line 6 of page 25 as follows:

-- Figure 1 shows the outward appearance of an immunoassay apparatus;

Figure 2 shown an immunoassay apparatus according to a second embodiment of the present invention, having therein a longer flow path for the labelled immunoreactive material relative to the flow path of the analyte;

Figure 3 shows the apparatus according to the first embodiment of the present invention, having therein a moveable detection zone which is shown in connection with the first flow path; and

Figure 4 shows the apparatus of Figure 3 with the detection zone in connection with the second flow path;

Figure 5 shows an apparatus similar to Figure 3 with a matrix located between the sample receiving zone and the detection zone;

Figure 6 shows an apparatus similar to Figure 3 with a matrix located within the sample receiving zone;

Figure 7 illustrates an apparatus of the invention in which the sample receiving zone includes a store of mobile phase; and

Figure 8 illustrates an embodiment of the invention in which mobile phase is provided in a separate container.

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Please amend the paragraph of lines 8-13 of page 25 as follows:

-- Figure 1 shows the outward appearance of the apparatus, ~~which (Figure 1)~~ includes a receptacle (1) for receiving the mobile phase (4), a zone (2) for the addition of the ~~user's~~ ~~users~~ sample containing the analyte (2), which may also be incorporated ~~incorporate~~ in (1), both (1) and (2) being near the surface of the apparatus housing (3). The detection zone (4) is situated within the housing (3) and may be protected by a transparent window. The detection zone contains the immunoabsorbent on which the result is observed.

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Please amend the paragraph of lines 15-31 of page 25 as follows:

-- An important embodiment of the apparatus of Figure 2 is the construction of the conducting elements. In principle, the apparatus consists of conducting elements of various path lengths and flow characteristics. The most rapid and direct path for the mobile phase arises at the point of the reservoir application receptacle (1) where the mobile phase is added and leading to the sample application zone (2) situated on or near the immunoabsorbent. The geometry of the solid phase, together with the materials used to construct the reservoir (1), sink (8), conducting elements (6) and immunoabsorbent (4)

(5) are designed to potentiate flow towards the sink (8). The sample application zone leads to the immobilized reactant on the immunoadorbent (5) via a filter (9) for removing non-IgE components. The labelled antibody zone (7), is freely mobile within the conducting elements when mobile phase from the reservoir is present and may lead directly to the immunoadorbent or pass through the sample zone as indicated in Figure 2. The time taken for labelled reactants to reach the immunoadorbent is longer than the sample. This configuration is simple to manufacture from available materials and will result in a sequential assay format essentially due to the difference in arrival times of the sample and the labelled antibody or further reagents at the immobilized immunoreactant zone.

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Please amend the paragraph of lines 1-6 of page 26 as follows:

-- Referring to Figure 3, a further embodiment of represent invention is represented by a reservoir (1) comprising the mobile phase, a first flow path (10) comprising a sample application zone (2), a filter (9) for removal of non-IgE components and a second flow path (11) comprising a labelled antibody zone (7). There is further provided a movable detection zone (4), comprising a sink (8). The detection zone (4) is shown in connection with the first flow path (10).

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Please amend the paragraph of lines 8-9 of page 26 as follows:

--Referring to Figure 4, the apparatus of Figure 3 is shown with the detection zone (4) in the second flow path (11). Referring to Figure 5, the first flow path (10) can be seen to include a matrix (13) located between the sample receiving zone (2) and the detection zone (4). An alternative embodiment is illustrated in Figure 6, in which the matrix (13) is located within the sample receiving zone (2). Figure 7 illustrates an apparatus of the invention in which the sample receiving zone (1) includes a store of mobile phase (14). Figure 8 illustrates an embodiment in which mobile phase is provided in a separate container (15).

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